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Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

DATE: 5/7/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE

Chgd to 44-1987-Sub B81F

SUBJECT: MURKIN (Re suspects NICK PAPADIKAS, phonetic, and JAKE CHRIS BONNEVECHE, phonetic)

Re Memphis airtel to Denver, 4/12/68, serial 44-1987-519, in which leads were set out regarding an interview on 4/11/68 of RUSSELL X. THOMPSON, attorney, by SA LAWRENCE and Inspector N. E. ZACHERY, Homicide Bureau, Memphis PD, in which THOMPSON felt he may have talked on 4/11/68 with a person who either killed Dr. KING or who may have had knowledge concerning the death of Dr. KING. This person told a weird story which was full of apparent loopholes but, nevertheless, leads were set out for Denver and New Orleans to check out his story.

On 4/14/68, ZACHERY called the writer to state that he thought that two of his men had conducted an interview on 4/13/68 which may tie in with the interview with THOMPSON. He stated that a Rev. JAMES M. LATIMER, pastor, Central Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 944 Linden Avenue, told his officers that on 4/12/68 a person called him saying that he needed spiritual solace in the worst way whereupon LATIMER met him in Jim's Steak House at which time this person, a white male, told LATIMER as follows.

The unknown person gave the name of JAKE CHRIS BONNEVECHE (phonetic). He stated he had recently been working as a "runner" for the Mafia at St. Louis Univesity, St. Louis, Missouri, and recently was running $400,000 worth of counterfeit American Express travelers checks when he was robbed by two Negroes. He stated that his New York contact upon learning of this did not believe his story and apparently threatened to have him killed whereupon he fled St.

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St. Louis by bus, went to Poplar Bluff, Missouri, and then later came to Memphis. He claimed that he had apparently spent the night of 4/10 or 4/11/68 at the Tennessee Hotel, Memphis; claimed that he is an ex-criminal; and that he has taken a dope cure at Lexington, Kentucky, apparently at the Federal Hospital Reformatory there. He exhibited a Mafia death sign tattooed on his wrists with the initials "T.O.J." He claimed that he was going to Brownsville, Tennessee, to see a parolee with whom he had served time in the Federal Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, several years ago. He claimed that he had not participated in the killing of Dr. KING but that he does know who did it and said that a person named NICK PAPADIKAS (phonetic) is the person who killed Dr. KING, that the Mason Lodge gave NICK $20,000, to kill Dr. KING. This person claiming to be BONNEVECHE apparently gave LATIMER a note asking him to send it to his wife, LINDA POOL, 1513 Arcadia, Lexington, North Carolina, and he signed it CHRIS, apparently telling her he was safe. He told LATIMER he had killed many people in the past but denied killing Dr. KING. He exhibited his fingertips to the minister claiming that his fingerprints had been removed and LATIMER did note that they were as smooth as glass.

LATIMER described the unknown person as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Complexion	Bronze
Height	6'2"
Hair	Dark
Dress	Tight pants, sport coat, blue shirt; prescription brown sunglasses which he constantly took on and off during the conversation
Scar	Small square scar over right eyebrow.

He told LATIMORE that he could speak eight languages, that he was of Italian-French descent, and that he could speak and write Yiddish. He claimed

that he had arrived in Memphis on about 4/10/68 and later stated that the man in Brownsville, Tennessee, whom he planned to see was named CROCKET. He told LATIMORE that he had many tattoos over his body, and he gave LATIMORE a $50 American Express travelers check, dated 4/5/68, bearing the number HA69-624-715, account #8D0-0005. In the righthand corner it had the number 71-0696247155. The name written on the check was TOMMIE R. HENDERSON of Denver, Colorado. It appeared as though it was torn out of a book and although the unknown person told LATIMORE it was counterfeit, Inspector ZACHERY pointed out that it did not appear to him to be counterfeit. He claimed to have a leather billfold full of numerous credit cards made out in various names, such as American Express, Diners Card, etc., which had been furnished him by the Mafia. With regard to the killing of Dr. KING, he claimed that NICK who did it is of dark complexion and that he disguised himself as a Negro, came to Memphis, mixed in with the Negroes, killed Dr. KING, and then left Memphis. He claimed that he arrived in Memphis by Continental Trailways bus and left Memphis on 4/11/68 for the purpose of going to Brownsville, Tennessee. He left about 5 P.M.

It would appear that this is the same person who contacted RUSSELL THOMPSON, attorney, on 4/10/68, and SA M. E. MC CLOUGHAN advised that he since interviewed VERNON DOYLE ELLINGTON, Grand Dragon of the United Klans of America, Brownsville, who advised that he has been contacted by a person possibly fitting the description of the above person who contacted LATIMORE and attorney THOMPSON, and the comments of DOYLE ELLINGTON as furnished to SA MC CLOUGHAN are as follows: